

House Resolution 1992

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Richardson of the 19th, Keen of the 179th, Burkhalter of the 50th, Porter of the 143rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Mr. James H. Blanchard and congratulating him on his election as chairman of
2 the Financial Services Roundtable; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, for over three decades, Synovus, a multibillion dollar diversified financial
4 services holding company headquartered in Columbus, Georgia, has been very fortunate to have
5 the immense talents of Chairman James H. Blanchard at its service; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Blanchard earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and his law
7 degree from the University of Georgia, after which he served his country honorably as a first
8 lieutenant and finance officer in the United States Army for two years; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his tenure with Synovus when he followed his father's footsteps to serve
10 as the top executive for Columbus Bank and Trust Company; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Blanchard was subsequently named CEO of Synovus, a position he held for
12 35 years before becoming Chairman of Synovus in July 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, during the course of his highly illustrious career, Mr. Blanchard has earned great
14 respect and admiration throughout the financial services industry for his integrity, leadership,
15 and business acumen, and he has received numerous accolades, including being named
16 "Georgian of the Year" in 2003 by *Georgia Trend* magazine and among the "25 Most
17 Influential People in Financial Services" in 2005 by *U.S. Banker* magazine; and

18 WHEREAS, this past fall, the Financial Services Roundtable, an organization representing 100
19 of the largest integrated financial services companies in America, elected Mr. Blanchard to
20 serve as chairman, a prestigious industry leadership position that no one is more qualified to
21 hold than this highly accomplished professional.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the
2 members of this body join to commend Mr. James H. Blanchard on his exemplary service to
3 Synovus and to his industry and congratulate him on being elected to serve as chairman of the
4 Financial Services Roundtable.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and
6 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. James H. Blanchard.